

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-17 and 30-40 were pending in this Application. Withdrawn claims 7, 9-16, 33 and 35-40 were canceled, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the underlying subject matter, solely for the purposes of presenting the claims in better form for consideration on appeal. Claim 3 has been amended to correct a typographical error, solely for the purposes of presenting the claim in better form for consideration on appeal. Support for the correction is evident from the claim itself, and no new matter enters by this amendment. For these reasons, and because this amendment is filed prior to the filing of an appeal brief, entry of this amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. 41.33(a) and 1.116(b). Accordingly, claims 1-3, 5-6, 8, 17, 30-32 and 34 are now pending and presently under appeal.

Should the Examiner have any questions or determine that any further action is desirable to place this Application in even better condition for appeal, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicant's undersigned representative.

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